

NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

Compts. 242/243 Non-Saw Timber Sale Calcasieu R.D.

Bids will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA on September 17, 2013 at 9:00 AM.

LOCATION: This sale is located approximately four (4) miles north of Cravens, LA in T1N R7W, Sections 23, 25, 26, 27, 34, & 35 of Vernon Parish. **It is in the Intensive Use Area of the Vernon Unit. All timber is considered bullet contaminated.**

INCLUDED TIMBER: The sale area consists of about 1751 acres of which an estimated 644 acres are designated for cutting. The sale contains seven (7) Payment Units, all of which are designation by spacing thinning, which allows the purchaser to cut and remove smaller diameter trees and leave the larger trees on a specific spacing of approximately 28 x 28 feet. The trees designated for cutting are described as those meeting the Utilization Standards and the following criteria: 1) if the tree is within 20 feet of a live pine tree that has a larger stump diameter than it and the larger tree is not designated for cutting. There are RCW trees in this sale. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

SPECIAL PRODUCT DESIGNATION: This sale contains a special product designation, Pine Non-saw, with merchantability standards of 5.0" to 12.9" DBH, at least 10 feet in height to a top diameter of 4.0" DOB. Subsequently, the specifications for a Pine Sawtimber tree will be changed to 13.0" DBH and above, at least 12 feet in height to a top diameter of 7" DOB or a limiting merchantability factor, whichever comes first.

SAFETY-CONTAMINATED LANDS: The timber sale is located on lands formerly used by the Department of Defense as an impact area for a wide range of small, medium, and large munitions weapons. There is a possibility that this sale contains trees contaminated with shrapnel. The sample timber sale contract special provision CT6.33 Safety-Contaminated Lands and CT6.404 Conduct of Logging on Contaminated Lands, spell out the liabilities and obligations on the part of the purchaser. Prospective bidders are encouraged to inspect this provision prior to bidding.

FORM AD-3030-FS: Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants. The form is located behind Page 5 of the Bid for Advertised Timber.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be **June 30, 2016.**

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 8.25 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of **\$3340.88.**

SLASH DISPOSAL: In Payment Units 1 through 7, Slash Disposal will be required in areas where slash accumulation is higher than 2 feet.

PRE-BID SITE VISIT: Anyone interested in cruising this sale prior to the bid opening must first gain access by calling Ft. Polk Range Control: (337) 531-5445.

All interested bidders should investigate the sale area and the sample contract prior to submission of bids, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact the District Office at (318) 793-9427 if you have any questions about this sale.